

Remarks

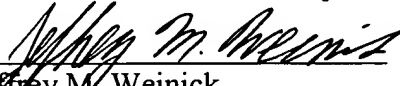
This is in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003. The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,175,619 (DeSimone) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,452,922 (Ho). Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeSimone. Claims 11-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-4 and 7-10 (claims 5 and 6 were previously cancelled). Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

Applicant has rewritten objected to claim 11 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As such, claim 11 is in condition for allowance. Claims 12-22 all depend upon allowable independent claim 11 and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 11-22 is requested.

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